



**Harry Hubert Parsons**

**The Royal Newfoundland Regiment**

**Regimental No. 5999**

**World War I**

**Born:** 1895

**Parents:** Abraham and Annie Parsons

**Date of Death:** Saturday 19 Oct 1918

Harry was twenty-two (22) years old when he enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at St. Johns on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 1918. He travelled to St. Johns to enlist. A receipt found in his service record file is a payment approved for "fare while coming to enlist," in the amount of \$2.55. Travel was by train from Bay Roberts to St. Johns.

His Attestation papers provide a description of Harry as being a 5 foot 8 ½ inches tall, single, school teacher, of the Church of England faith.

He had enlisted late in the war effort but signed up and was ready and willing to serve.

His official service record has the following handwritten entries by date:

1. 13 – 08 – 18: Attested (enlisted)
2. 22 – 09 – 18: Embarked St. Johns by train for Halifax, N.S.
3. 11 – 10 – 18: Admitted to military hospital at Devonport with influenza (severe)
4. 19 – 10 – 18: Developed Pneumonia and passed away of cardiac failure

There is a letter dated 05 Dec 1918 from the Regiment to Mrs. Annie Parsons containing Harry's personal effects. The letter contained:

"1 wristlet watch (glass broken)

1 key"

Harry is buried at the Plymouth (Efford) Cemetery, United Kingdom. He was twenty-three (23).